

HOUSE BILL 2069
By Montgomery

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37
and Title 49, relative to family resource centers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-2-115, is amended by inserting the following as new subsections thereto:

(f) The purpose of each family resource center shall be to maximize the potential learning capacity of the child by ensuring that school environments and neighborhoods are safe and socially enriching, that families are strong and able to protect children and meet their basic needs, and that children are physically healthy, emotionally stable, socially well-adjusted, and able to connect with enriching opportunities and experiences in their schools and communities. In order to enable children to attain the most benefit possible from the time they spend in educational settings, the family resource centers shall focus on providing information to families about resources, support, and benefits available in the community and on developing a coordinated system of care for children in the community in order to effectuate this purpose.

(g) The department of education and the department of children's services shall jointly develop guidelines for the operation of family resource centers, focusing on the requirements of this section including the stated purpose of family resource centers in subsection (f). The guidelines shall be used by all family resource centers established pursuant to this section. The guidelines shall be reviewed and updated jointly by the departments of education and children's services no less frequently than every three (3) years.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.